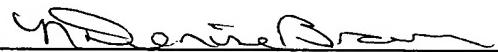


REMARKS

The above amendment to the present specification serves to identify those earlier applications which are related to the present application. The amendment to the Claims serves to cancel the claims which were allowed in the original application (i.e. Claims 6-19) U.S. Serial Number 09/859,699 filed May 17, 2001, now issued U.S. Patent 6,533,863, and to cancel the claims (i.e. Claims 1-5 and 20-29) prosecuted in U.S. Serial Number 10/348,295, filed January 21, 2003. The Applicant received a Notice of Allowance in U.S. Serial Number 10/348,295 dated December 10, 2003, and the issue fee is scheduled to be paid on or about February 10, 2004. Accordingly, the amendment to the claims serves to cancel claims from the present specification which have been prosecuted and allowed in one of the earlier related applications. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, allowance of Claims 30-32 is respectfully requested.

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